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SUBJECT: PARTICIPANTS IN MULTIREGIONAL EXCHANGE PROJECTS

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1. THE DEPARTMENT APPLAUDS THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS IN ARRANGING TO MEET WITH GUSEV. THE EMBASSY SHOULD AS A MATTER OF COURSE IN THE FUTURE INSIST ON MEETING WITH NOMINEES IN MULTIREGIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO VERIFY ENGLISH CAPABILITY AND ASCERTAIN PROGRAM INTERESTS. THE EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO INFORM SOVIET NOMINATING ORGANIZATIONS THAT NOMINEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT SUCH A MEETING.

2. FYI, CU/EE HAS JUST LEARNED THAT ONE PARTICIPANT IN THE MULTIREGIONAL TV PROGRAM IN WHICH GUSEV WILL PARTICIPATE IS A MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. WHILE WE CANNOT PREDICT REACTION OF GUSEV OR SOVIET GOVT TO THIS, WE WILL ENSURE THAT CU/EE IS GIVEN
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ADVANCE NOTICE SHOULD SIMILAR PROBLEM ARISE IN FUTURE.

PROGRAMMING AGENCY HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON SENSITIVITY INVOLVED AND WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. WE SEE NO NEED TO INFORM GUSEV OF CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN ADVANCE AND PERHAPS THEREBY CREATE PROBLEM WHERE NONE MAY IN FACT EXIST. KISSINGER

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